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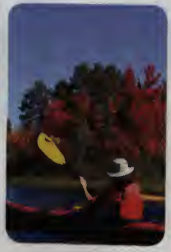
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May 26 - June 6	10:00	2:00	7:00
June 7 - June 13	10:00, 1:00	4:00	7:15

Dates	Regular Cruise	Spray Falls	Sunset
June 14 - June 27	10:00, 12:00, 2:00	4:00, 6:00	7:30
June 28 - July 15	10:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00	4:00, 5:00, 6:00	7:30
July 16 - Aug. 24	10:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00	4:00, 5:00, 6:00	7:15
Aug. 25 - Aug. 29	10:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00	5:00	6:15

Dates	Regular Cruise	Spray Falls	Sunset
Aug. 30 - Aug. 31	10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3	4:00, 5:00	6:00
Sept. 1 - Sept. 21	10:00, 12:00	2:00, 4:00	5:45
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Alger County Historical Society

Although there was a Historical Society of Alger County as far back as 1917, when it was formed by Robert H. Wright, a historian and well-seasoned newspaper editor, the society as it is known today had its origins in 1966. The Reverend Emil Beyer, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church in Munising, was its organizer and first president, serving from 1966 to 1969.

The Isabella Sullivan room houses our gift shop, which has a beautiful array of books for both adults and children. We are featuring local artistry including walking sticks, pottery, woodwork, blacksmith items, leather, candles, soaps, wind chimes, paintings, decorative wall items, ornaments and much more.

The Faye Swanberg Archives area was named after Faye, who was the primary historian for the Society. Faye researched photographs, documents and artifacts, and conducted oral histories on audio tapes. Call the Heritage Center for a research appointment.

The Alger County Heritage Center is located on Washington Street near Munising Memorial Hospital and the picturesque Munising Falls. The building is air conditioned, handicapped accessible, and features a scenic lakefront setting with a picnic area available to visitors.



The Alger County Historical Society is located at 1496 Washington St. In Munising.

It is also the site for our Blacksmith Shop which sits on the grounds at the Heritage Center. Our blacksmith artists who will be performing "living history" on the art of blacksmithing.

For more information you may call the Center at 387-4308 or email: algerchs@jamadots.com

Center hours are Thursday: 5 to 8:30 p.m., Friday: 2:30 to 8 p.m., and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with extended hours during special exhibits and events. The Heritage Center has free admission. Volunteers are always welcome.



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The marina has 40 slips available at the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources rates, the hours of operation are 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The services available include: gas, water, pumpouts, electricity and showers.

The Bayshore Marina opens on May 15 and closes each season on October 15. The Munising downtown business district is a short, two block walk from the marina, or public transportation is available by calling (906) 387-4845.

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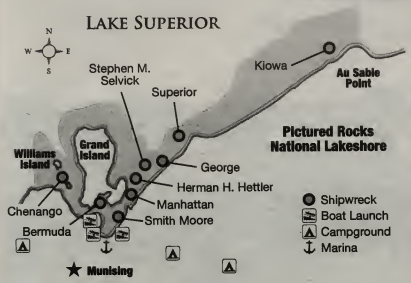


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Alger Underwater Preserve



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Divers of any skill level will find shipwrecks in excellent condition awaiting them at the Alger Underwater Preserve. Visibility is usually excellent, 25 feet at the minimum, but often twice that.

For both beginners and advanced divers, the Murray Bay wreck, "Bermuda," is very popular. Although this wreck lies in only 30 feet of water, it is protected from ice and wave damage. The result is an intact, 145-foot schooner sitting upright and waiting for visitors.

The wreck is a prime attraction for the glass bottom boats, so please move off the wreck while the tour boats are there. Tour boat times are posted on the wreck buoy.

Divers with intermediate to advanced skills will enjoy the wreck of the Smith Moore. The steamer, which was also equipped with sails, sank after it collided with another ship in 1889. The Smith Moore is mostly intact and lies upright in 95 feet of water. Divers have easy access to some portions of the interior of the vessel through open hatches. The deck is at 80 feet and divers will find much machinery as well as schools of fish at this site.

Other popular shipwrecks include the Herman H. Hettler, Kiowa, and Manhattan.

Divers will not only find shipwrecks, but also an underwater museum located among the ruins of a dock off shore by the Munising High School.

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2014 On-Going Events at Bayshore Park in Munising

Mondays	Art in the Park, June 9-Sept. 22, 11am-6pm
Tuesdays	Farmers & Artisan Market May 27-Oct. 14, 4-7pm Community Bread Oven Demo/Fundraiser, May 27-Oct. 14, 4-7pm Concerts in the Park, July 1-Aug. 26, 6-8pm
Wednesdays	Art in the Park, June 11-Sept. 24, 11am-6pm

2014 Alger County Summer Events

June	14	Pictured Rocks Day, Munising
	14	Annual Sea Plane Splash In on the Bay, Grand Marais
	28	Munising Bay Arts Festival, Munising
	27-29	Grand Marais Off Shore Challenge Fishing Tournament
	29	Pictured Rocks Road Race, Munising
July	4	All Day Celebrations & Fireworks, Munising & Grand Marais
	4	Alger County Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Cruise, Munising
	9	Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, Munising
	16-21	Great Lakes Sea Kayak Symposium, Grand Marais
	19	Fuzzy Boyak Memorial Golf Outing, Munising
	26	Grand Island Marathon, Munising
August	1-3	Alger County Fair & Chatham Homecoming, Chatham
	8-10	Annual Music & Arts Festival, Grand Marais
	15-17	Ladies of the Lake Sea Kayak Symposium, Munising
	31	Grand Marais Triathlon & 5K Race, Grand Marais
	31	Lions Rubber Ducky Race & Raffle, Munising

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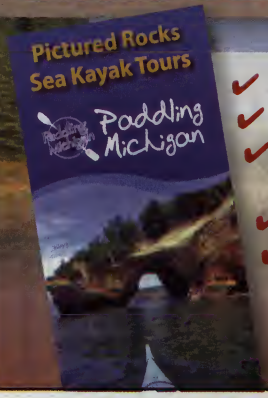


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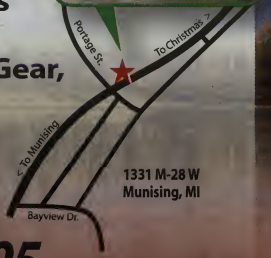
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Alger County Waterfalls

Alger Falls
30-ft. cascade fall located just south of the Munising city limits, adjacent Hwy M-28 at its intersection with Hwy M-94. Roadside. Source: small creek

AuTrain Falls
Two sets of 50+ foot cascade falls can be viewed along the AuTrain River north of the AuTrain Dam. Parking and viewing areas are located on utility company property, but are open to public use. <5 minute walk on a sloped drive; best viewed in spring or after heavy rain. Source: AuTrain River

Bridalveil Falls
Seasonal 100-ft. drop and cascade combo waterfall located along the Pictured Rocks just northeast of Miners Castle; best viewed from the lake, but can also be seen from a trail to the Miners Castle lower viewing platform. <5 minute walk on trail, or viewable lakeside. Source: small creek

Chapel Falls
100+ foot drop and cascade combo fall in the Chapel Basin hiking area of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, near Melstrand. Take H-58 to Melstrand, turn left on Chapel Road, and continue 5 miles to the Chapel Basin trailhead. Maps to the falls posted at trailhead; 2.5-3-mile round-trip walk on easy to moderate path; pets prohibited. Source: Chapel Creek

Laughing Whitefish Falls
100+ foot drop and cascade combo fall located in the Laughing Whitefish Falls Scenic Site, 2 1/2 miles north-northeast of Sundell; Approx. 40-minute round trip sloped/moderate walk plus numerous steps to lower viewing areas. Source: Laughing Whitefish River

Miners Falls
40-50-foot full river drop fall. Trailhead located just off of Miners Castle Road (H-11), about five miles from County Rd. H-58. Approximately 45-minute round trip walk on easy path, plus almost 80 steps to lower viewing platform; pets prohibited. Source: Miners River

Mosquito Falls
Series of small cascade falls located in the Chapel Basin hiking area of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, near Melstrand. Take H-58 to Melstrand, turn left on Chapel Road, and continue 5 miles to the Chapel Basin trailhead. Maps to the falls posted at trailhead; 1.5-to 2-mile round trip moderate hike (tree roots, moderate slopes); pets prohibited. Source: Mosquito River

Munising Falls
50-foot drop plus additional cascade and rapids located within its namesake City of Munising, along Washington St., across from Munising Memorial Hospital. Quarter-mile easy paved path to viewing areas with steps to upper viewing platforms; pets permitted on leashes; handicap accessible. Source: Washington Creek

Olson (Tannery) and Memorial Falls
25-30-foot drops also known as the "Twin Falls," located between the intersection of H-58 (East Munising Ave.) and Washington St., and the subdivision at the top of the hill continuing north on H-58. Access is either from two stairwells found along H-58 at Washington St. (note: parking prohibited along H-58; use Washington St.) or a pathway from Nestor St. at the top of the H-58 hill. Easy to moderate path (moderately steep hills from H-58 access), length up to a half mile round trip depending on access route chokes. Sources: small creeks

Rock River Falls
15-20-foot full river drop fall located in the Rock River Canyon Wilderness Area, approximately 5 miles northwest of Chatham. Take Rock River Road to Sandstrom Road (left), follow for about 3 miles to Forest Service Rd. 2293; turn onto 2293 and continue roughly a mile until you come to a small, signed trailhead parking area on the left. Moderate to difficult (muddy), 60-90-minute round-trip walk. Source: Rock River

Alger County Waterfalls

Sable Falls
75-foot fall over a series of three large cascades, located near Grand Marais and accessible from a parking area along H-58. <5 walk including approximately 170 stair steps to falls; pets prohibited. Source: Sable River

Scott Falls
10-15-foot drop fall located along M-28 one mile east of AuTrain blinker, across from the MDOT Roadside Park. Roadside. Source: small creek

Spray Falls
70-foot full drop fall located along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, dropping directly into Lake Superior. Best viewed by water, can also be seen from 3-mile easy to moderate hike from Little Beaver Campground. Pets prohibited in Beaver Basin area. Source: Spray Creek.

Wagner Falls
40-50-foot cascade fall on large creek, located at the Wagner Falls State Scenic Site, about a quarter mile off of Hwy M-28, or 1.2 miles south of Munising, on Hwy M-94. <5 minute, easy walk on improved path and boardwalk, with a handful of steps to top/final viewing platform; wheelchairs possible to end of boardwalk with pushing help. Source: Wagner Creek





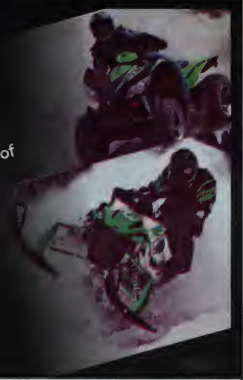






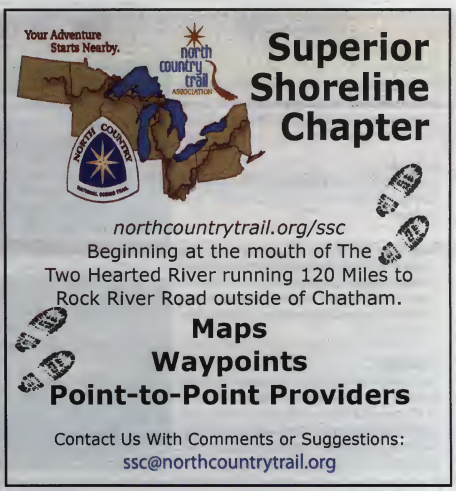


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As the reader has undoubtedly become aware, Alger County is home to many possibilities for outdoor recreational activities. Hiking and mountain biking are just two such activities that are consistently growing in popularity.

North Country National Scenic Trail

Many long-distance hikers would agree that one of the most scenic segments of the 4,600-mile North Country National Scenic Trail, or NCT for short, is located right here in Alger County.

From the west, the NCT enters the county at Sand River Road, and meanders southward toward the Laughing Whitefish Falls State Scenic Site. From the falls, the trail swings back east and north into the Rock River Canyon Wilderness Area, then follows along its northern boundary (Sandstrom Road), and on to cross the AuTrain River south of AuTrain Lake. The NCT continues to wind along through the wooded hills near Buck Bay Road, to where it crosses M-94 and the trails at Valley Spur.

After a jaunt along highways M-94, M-28, and H-58 through Munising, the trail picks up as one of the NCT's most memorable sections, a 42-mile stretch through the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore also known to hikers as the Lakeshore Trail. Once through the town of Grand Marais via H-58, the NCT again veers south into the woods, entering Luce County before coming back around to Lake Superior and continuing eastward.

Hikers have several options for traversing segments of the roughly 120 miles of volunteer-maintained NCT trail in Alger County. For more information, please visit the North Country Trail Hikers (western Alger Co) and Superior Shoreline Chapter (central and eastern Alger Co) sections online at http://northcountrytrail.org/trail/states/michigan/explore-by-section. Local shuttle services are available through ALTRAN (altranbus.com) or Trailspotters of Michigan (trailspotters.net).

Munising Bay Trail Network

Established and growing as you read this, is a new and expanding Munising Bay Trail Network (MBTN) mountain bike trail system, located in the hills that make up Munising's western boundary.

Thousands of work hours have gone into the establishment of the first handful of miles in this new International Mountain Bike Association-standard system, which begins atop the road located behind Hillside Party Store, on M-28 in western Munising. An accessible trailhead will soon be built here thanks to the awarding of a Michigan DNR Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant. The MBTN doesn't plan to stop there, however, as it envisions eventually connecting the new 50-plus miles of trails to reach the existing Valley Spur trails to the east, and the town of Christmas to the west.

For more information and to follow the MBTN's progress, visit mbtn.org online.



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Winter Wonderland

Alger County provides more to do in the Winter months than one may think. And with five to six months out of the year seeing some sort of snow accumulation on the ground, that's a good thing!

Winter snowshoeing favorite: Ice Caves

Recent years have brought an influx of snowshoers to Alger County, as word of the presence of massive ice formations spreads.

One of the most commonly visited are the Eben Ice Caves, located in the Rock River Wilderness Area. The trailhead is located by turning north in the center of the town of Eben Junction, and taking that road 1.5 miles to a right turn, then another half mile to a parking area. The hike to the caves, which begins by crossing an open field then ventures into hilly woods settings, ranges from powdery and deep after fresh snowfall to packed and icy. Snowshoes with cleats or use of traction devices on boots are recommended. The round trip from the parking area to the caves is approximately 1.5 miles. Snowmobilers may cross the field on their machines but must park at the tree line and hike as the trail enters the Wilderness Area.



Another set of ice caves, the Sand Point Ice Curtains, also draw several ice climbers throughout the Winter. The Ice Curtains are located along Sand Point Road north of Munising; drivers must park at the beach parking area near the end of Sand Point Road, and hike back around a half mile to several steep trails to the curtains.

Snowmobiling

It's no secret that Alger County, with a couple hundred inches of snowfall, is a favorite destination for snowmobilers. Over 300 miles of trail crisscross the land wait for you! Visit munisingsnow.com for more information, including maps. Rentals are available. Vintage snowmobile shows, as well as various styles of races, are often held in the area as well.

Downhill skiing, snowboarding, and sledding

The small but mighty Chatham Ski Hill is located off of Highway M-95 on Samuelson Road, east of the Village of Chatham, and is perfect for a day out with the kids. Daily and seasonal passes are available for the towrope-enabled facility. Visit Friends of Chatham Ski Hill on Facebook for more information.

More Winter favorites include ice fishing on Munising Bay or many of the numerous inland lakes, dog sled races, even outhouse races! Don't believe us? Visit www.trenaryouthouseclassic.com to see for yourself! Another favorite is cross-country skiing at Hiawatha National Forest's Valley Spur or McKeever Trails (see page 27), or Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore trails in Munising and Grand Marais. Check out any of our local visitor centers for more information, including trail maps.

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Stretching 120 miles along Lake Superior's southern shoreline in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the Hiawatha Water Trail connects the communities of big Bay, Marquette, Munising and Grand Marais.

Lighthouses, shipwrecks, waterfalls, sea caves, cliffs and sand beaches are just some of the incredible sights that await the modern-day explorer who traces this historical route used by Native Americans, voyageurs and early European Explorers.

Paddlers can enjoy the amenities each town offers as they travel along Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Grand Island National Recreation Area, Hiawatha National Forest, state forests, and city and county parks.

The Hiawatha Water Trail Association is part of the Noquemanon Trail Network, a regional network of non-motorized recreation trails.

Full color waterproof maps with information on access points, campsites, trail hazards, water depth, navigation aids, and public lands are available for sale at various locations.

Paddling on Lake Superior is safe for those who are prepared. However it is very dangerous for the unprepared. All users are strongly encouraged to seek out professional instruction to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to paddle safely.

The HWT runs along a shoreline that is both publicly and privately owned. Responsible paddling means respecting the rights of private landowners by using public property.

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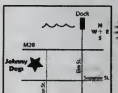


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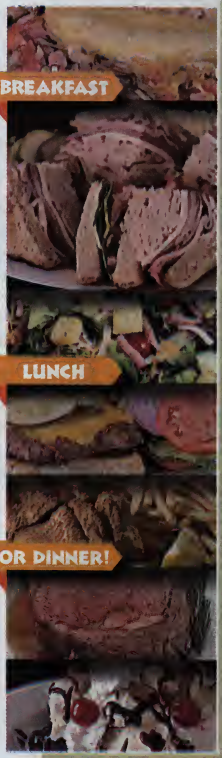
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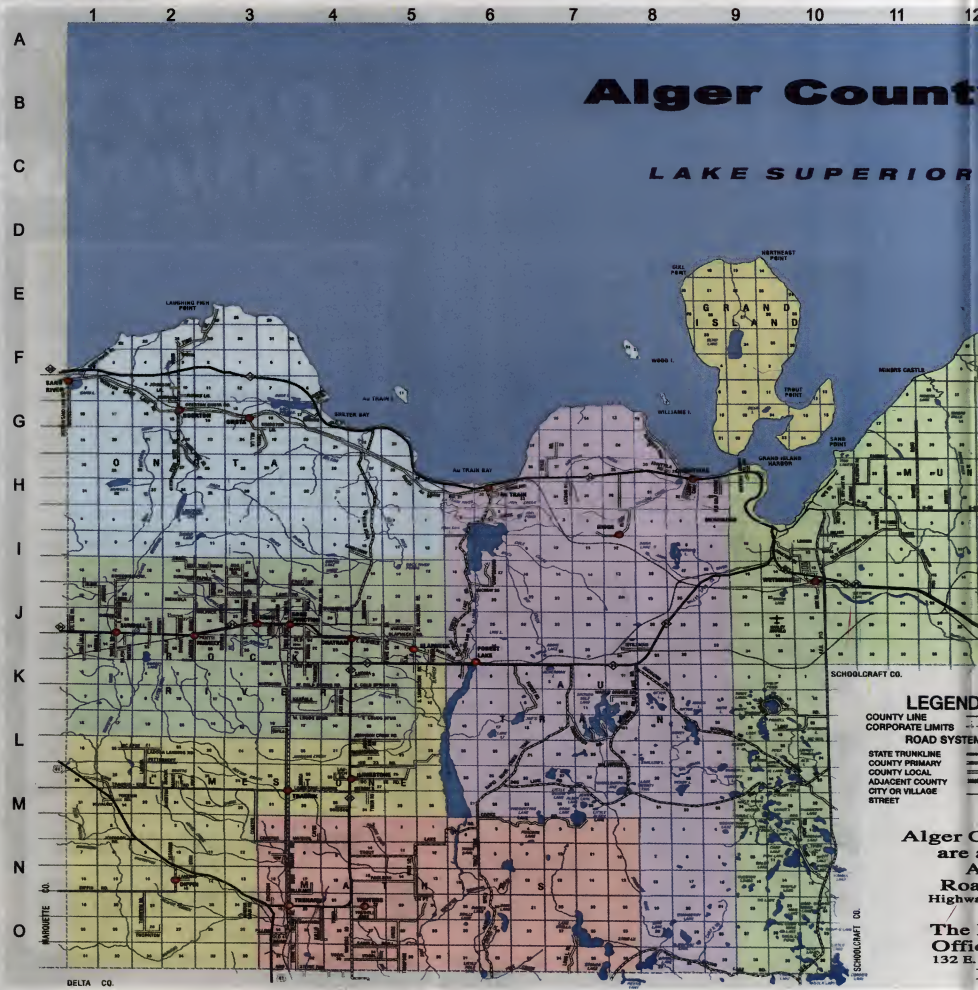
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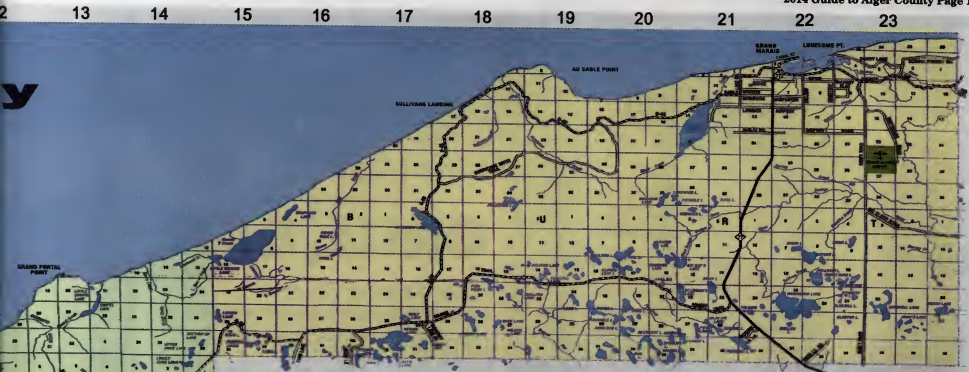
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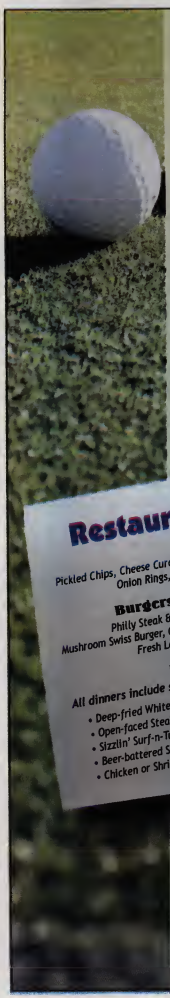


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Kayaking has indeed become a very popular activity over the past several years in Alger County. This, perhaps, comes as little surprise, not only given the many scenic areas available, but also with the increasing availability of kayaks now on the market.

Not all kayaks are appropriate to explore the beauty of Lake Superior that Hansen describes, however. Those users wishing to venture out onto the water should know and heed the limitations of their vessel, their gear, and their skills.

Keep recreational kayaks inland

The Pictured Rocks and Grand Island draw hundreds of thousands of visitors each summer, many of whom long to experience the rocky shoreline on a kayak. ***Generally speaking, if your kayak is under 14 feet in length and/or you have not taken any formal kayak safety and self-rescue training, Lake Superior is NOT the place to be.***

Why?

- Lake Superior remains extremely cold throughout the entire year, and those who capsize can become hypothermic within a very short time in the water. Most recreational kayaks will not stay afloat for reentry.

- Weather on Lake Superior can change on a dime, even if the forecast didn't indicate it would. "Lake Superior can be smooth as glass one minute, and treacherous the next," says Hansen.

- Offshore winds can push an unsuspecting paddler out from the shore, where the same winds are stronger to paddle against, leading to exhaustion

- Landing or resting places are few and very far between along both the Pictured Rocks and Grand Island shorelines, in the case of fatigue. People seen resting on fallen rock formations are usually assumed to be in distress and rescue requests may be called in to authorities by passing boaters.

More and more of these rescues have been conducted on the big lake each year, primarily due to capsize of recreational kayaks, but also because of inadequate safety skills or gear, or fatigue from lack of rest places or from battling unexpected waves.

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No matter what your plans are, TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU ARE GOING and when they should expect you to return. This is especially important for more remote inland areas, where few people may be around to assist and cell phone coverage could be spotty.

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-Generally less than 12 or 14 feet long

-Large cockpit opening or sit-upon deck

-Zero or one water-tight bulkhead

-May have stretchy deck webbing for stowing gear

-Less expensive, available at big box stores



SEA KAYAK

-Generally longer than 12 or 14 feet long, with or without foot-controlled rudder

-Much smaller cockpit openings with spray skirt ridge

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Recreational and Sea Kayaking

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RECOMMENDED GEAR

Anywhere:

-Life jacket (required by law)

-Sound signaling device such as a whistle (required by law)

-Nighttime light source (required by law)

Also helpful inland:

-Cell phone (although service may be spotty in some areas)

-Water bailing device (bucket, plastic cup, cut plastic bottle, etc.) and sponge

-Sunscreen

-Drinking water and snack

-Map of the area (in case a hike-out becomes necessary)

-Dry walking/hiking shoes (in case first pair gets wet and/or hike-out is necessary)

-Dry clothes, socks (store in dry bag or zip-style plastic bag)

-Rain jacket (provides warmth in addition to rain protection)

-Hat (provides warmth in addition to sun protection)

-Short length of rope (in case of light towing need)

-Duct tape (gear repair)

-Standard outdoor safety gear: knife, waterproof flame source, emergency film blanket, etc.

Lake Superior -- ADD the following:

-Sea kayak

-Spray skirt

-Spare paddle (one for every four people)

-Neoprene wetsuit, lightweight dry top jacket, or full dry suit

-Bilge pump and bailing sponge

-Paddle float

-Synthetic (quick-drying) clothing

Also helpful on Lake Superior:

-VHF/NOAA radio

-Kayak tow bag/tow line

-Lightweight paddling jacket

-Standard safety gear: Knife, signaling mirror, strobe light, waterproof flame source, emergency film blanket, pencil flares

KNOW YOUR SKILL LEVEL!

Inland:

-Knowledge of gear use

-Wet exit

-Watch for obstacles such as branches that could pin a person underwater upon capsize (called "strainers" by experienced kayakers)

Lake Superior:

-Know how to use all listed gear

-Understanding of marine weather forecasting, water/wave hazards, etc.

-Ability to roll to upright position after flipping

-Wet exit

-Self-rescue (reentry into capsized sea kayak - most recreational kayaks will sink)

"The issue we have is, people paddle in a lot of different locations. When they arrive on the shore of Lake Superior, they just treat it like it's an inland lake, and we all know it's not." - Sam Crowley of the Hiawatha Water Trail organization (see page 13) during a meeting of local law enforcement and rescue agencies regarding the increased necessity for kayak rescues

(gear and safety recommendations courtesy of Carl Hansen of Northern Waters and Sam Crowley of the Hiawatha Water Trail organization)



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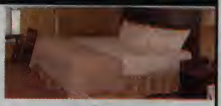
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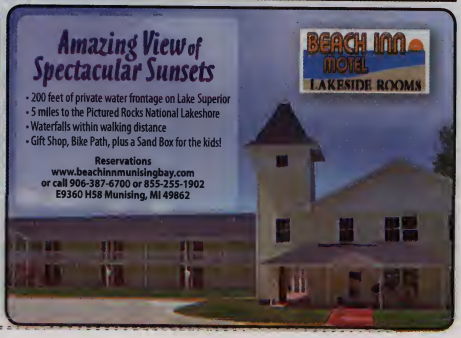
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Activities for the Family

Camping, fishing, swimming, rock hunting, kite flying, bird watching, stargazing, geocaching (bring your GPS to find the geocaches hidden in the areal), motocross racing and a casino are a few of the things to do in and around Christmas. We have ATV, canoe and kayak rentals available in town.

Hiawatha National Forest Campground
Bay Furnace Park

This park is in Christmas on Lake Superior and is available for camping, picnicking, and day use. There are trails along Furnace Creek that runs from Furnace Lake (a.k.a. Carr Lake) to Lake Superior. It is also the historic site of Bay Furnace. Bay Furnace is the remnant of an old iron blast furnace, where they would melt the iron ore into bars and load them onto ships that would be moored in the bay. For more information contact Interagency Visitor Center at 906-387-3700.





Christmas Lighthouse

Tucked away in the Hiawatha National Forest among the tag alders and swamp conifers (any tree that has thin leaves, needles and produces cones) south of M-28 on the east end of Christmas, is a lighthouse many people drive by without noticing. This is the Grand Island Harbor Rear Range Light (a.k.a. Christmas Lighthouse) which stands 62 feet tall. Its partner, the Front Range Light is only 14 feet tall. Range lights work in pairs; by keeping the rear range light aligned with the front range light, mariners were able to stay on the proper heading through the narrow channel west of Grand Island. For more information contact Interagency Visitor Center at 906-387-3700.

Other lighthouses and range lights in the area are in Munising and on Grand Island.

Five Mile Point

Five Mile Point is a piece of land the jets out into Lake Superior. Also known as Paradise Point, it is a great place to camp, swim, watch the sunset, or watch the waves crash on the rocks. The stronger the northerly winds the larger the waves. There is a walking trail that goes from Reindeer Run to AuTrain. To get there, turn north on Reindeer Run, drive 2.5 miles, there will be a two track that goes to the left, drive another 2.5 miles, staying to the right (don't take any of the trails to the left). It will bring you to a parking area where you can watch from your vehicle or walk out on the rocks. Bring your own tent for camping.

Gifts and Antiques

There are two places in town that handle unique items, some from local artists.

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A visitor's center is located in Munising, on the corner of M-28 and H-58. You can find maps, brochures, and the latest information on camping and hiking In our area's national lands. They also have information on waterfalls, lighthouses and other things to do and places to see. You may also stop at Santa's Workshop for brochures and directions to waterfalls and other sites in the area.



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Grand Island National Recreation Area



CAMPING

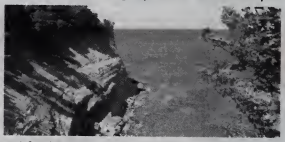
Imagine camping on top of a 300 foot cliff where the only thing you can hear is the north wind in the trees and the crashing of the waves lulling you to sleep. Or stretching out on a pristine beach where you can't even see the next closest campsite. How about nestling in under the Hemlock trees and whiling away your day beachcombing for agates? If this sounds like the kind of camping you are looking for, then Grand Island National Recreation Area is the place for you. There are 15 individual campsites and two group campsites located on Grand Island. All of these campsites are considered backcountry sites for hikers, bikers and boaters only. There are no permits required for camping on the island.

Day Use Opportunities

• Grand Island is the perfect place to spend a day or even just a few hours biking and exploring. The island's breathtaking overlooks, pristine sandy beaches, fascinating cultural sites, deep hard woods, and inland lakes make it an exciting and secluded mountain biking destination. The island provides a combination of rugged dirt/sand trails and easier gravel roads that will accommodate any level of biker. If you don't have a bike with you, no problem! The Grand Island Ferry Service rents mountain bikes right at William's Landing.

• Spend the day beachcombing, picnicking or swimming on one of Grand Island's fabulous beaches. Accessible by private boat, biking or hiking, these beautiful sand and rock beaches will captivate you.

• Take advantage of a motorized bus tour on Grand Island that takes you on a tour of the some of the island's scenic vistas and historic sites. Each stop on the 2.5 hour tour is designed to give you a glimpse into Grand Island's past



and familiarize you with the recreation opportunities that are available.

• Kayakers can experience the island from a unique perspective. Discover private coves and spectacular rock formations from the water.



Visitors can access Grand Island NRA via the passenger ferry or by personal boat or kayak. There is a $2 per person per visit fee which can be paid at the ferry service office or at several fee collection locations on the island. If you are interested in planning a day or overnight trip to Grand Island, we recommend that you contact the Visitor Center at 906-387-3700 for more information. We offer updated day use and camping brochures that can assist in planning a trip to suit you. Topographic maps are also available for a fee. For Bus Tour and Ferry schedule information, please call 906-387-3700.



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Welcome to the Hiawatha National Forest,

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Whether you hunt, hike, ski, snowmobile, ride ATV or horse, — whether you enjoy rustic camping or cabins, wildlife viewing or historical sites, there is something here for you.



The Hiawatha National Forest was created in 1931 from abandoned farms, razed logging tracts and lands devastated by forest fires. Replanted originally by the Civilian Conservation Corps and cared for since by the US Forest Service, today's Hiawatha provides quality habitat for a variety of fish, wildlife and rare plants. The forest is dotted with about 420 inland lakes, and eight hundred miles of streams and rivers flow through the Hiawatha, emptying into the Great Lakes. Five of those rivers are National Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Dip your paddle in a river, immerse yourself in a cool clear lake, or skip a rock across the calm sparkling surface. Pedal a bike on a sun-dappled trail up to a breathtaking vista. Catch a glimpse of



the northern lights in a dark summer sky. Cross over to adventure on Grand Island National Recreation Area. Visit us often. As the seasons change, our forest changes, offering new experiences for each new season. The Visitor Center Staff are here to help you plan a memorable vacation. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.



Hiawatha National Forest

Camping

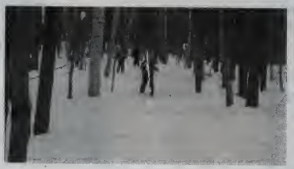
Need a place to pitch your tent or park a camper? Experience a northwoods evening complete with colorful sunsets and awesome scenery at one of our National Forest campgrounds on the West Zone of the Hiawatha National Forest. All the campgrounds are next to a lake or river. Plan on fishing, boating, kayaking or swimming right from your site! The Hiawatha's developed campgrounds offer large, wooded sites and access to numerous lakes. Dispersed campsites offer a more secluded experience and require a permit. Our campgrounds do not offer showers and only a few have electrical hook-ups. However, most campgrounds have some sites that can accommodate RV's up to 30 feet or longer, and many of our campsites are reservable through www.recreation.gov. For a booklet on all of our campgrounds, contact our Interagency Visitor Center in Munising at 906-387-3700.



Lodging



The Hiawatha National Forest has two rustic log cabins available for rent: the McKeever Cabin and the Tom's Lake Cabin. Located in the heart of the Hiawatha, these cabins are only 4 miles apart and within easy access to fishing, hiking, mountain biking and skiing. McKeever Cabin is a one-room rustic log cabin, with a sleeping loft. The emphasis is on "rustic". A wood-burning stove provides the heat and the candles you carry in provide the light. Furniture, a hand pump for drinking water, and an outhouse are there for your use; you bring the rest. Tom's Lake Cabin is larger than McKeever Cabin with two rooms, but with the same amenities. Both cabins overlook beautiful lakes, perfect for fishing and boating. They are both reservable on www.recreation.gov.



Winter on the Hiawatha National Forest

All the snow-free season hiking opportunities turn into great Snowshoe or Backcountry ski trails when there's snow! You could spend weeks out there and still not see it all!



Valley Spur is well known for its groomed ski trail in the winter. The 27 mile (45 km) cross country ski trail system is groomed daily, for both skate and classic ski, from December through March so that the trails are always ready. The majority of the 26 miles pass through northern hardwoods forest. However, the routes take cyclists past meadows, hemlock groves, large white and red pine areas, and several small lakes. The main trailhead is located just off M-94 at the Valley Spur Day lodge which includes a parking area, pit toilet, and trailhead map. Fees are required in the winter. For more information or to find out ski conditions at Valley Spur, visit the Valley Spur website at www.valleyspur.org



An alternative skiing location that is gaining popularity is McKeever Ski Trail on H-13 about 20 minutes south of Munising. Groomed for classic skiing only, McKeever provides a quieter wooded experience and offers loops for skiers at a range of skill levels, including many downhill runs. Six miles of trail pass beside several lakes and through various forest types. Donations are accepted at the Trailhead. Trail loops are packed and groomed one to three times a week depending on snow conditions. Also, if you would like to enjoy a peaceful night amid the stars and moonlight, rent McKeever cabin, a rustic log cabin on the west shore of McKeever Lake.

Boating on the Hiawatha National Forest

Not only are there more than 400 lakes in the Hiawatha National Forest, but there are 5 National Wild and Scenic riverways. In addition, the Hiawatha offers visitors access to the undeveloped shores of three of America's great freshwater seas -- Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Huron. This makes the Hiawatha an ideal location for boaters, anglers, and water enthusiasts of all ages.

With so many lakes, the opportunities for boating and fishing are almost limitless. The Hiawatha offers everything from developed back in boat launches to more rustic carry in boat access sites.

Anglers can expect to find a wide variety of fish species and habitats managed cooperatively with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Some of the fish you can expect to fry up for dinner include: perch, bluegill, bass, walleye, trout, pike and crappie. For those who don't have a boat, several accessible fishing piers allow for easy access to some of the more popular fishing lakes.

Maybe you're not so interested in still water but would rather try your luck on a northwoods river. The AuTrain River offers an excellent 4 to 6 hour paddling experience. The lack of rapids and portages makes this a quiet relaxing outing, perfect for families or beginners. In the spring and fall especially, birders and nature enthusiasts should be on the lookout for the many bird species that use this corridor. There are several access points to the river, all within easy walking distance of each other. There are also several outfitters along this river to provide boat rentals and transport services.

The Indian River canoe route runs about 30 miles from Fish Lake to County Road 449 and offers excellent paddling. In the spring, the water runs high and fast for more experienced boaters and then after mid-June slows to a gentle flow for paddlers of all levels. A one or two-day trip will take you deep into the Hiawatha National Forest, where you will drift past northern hardwoods, mixed conifers, rolling hills and swamps. There are 8 access points to the river and several primitive campsites along the way.

For more information about boating or water activities, contact the Interagency Visitor Center at 906-387-3700.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

A Very Special Place

Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty, Shenandoah and the Great Smoky Mountains - all National Park Service areas. Here in the central Upper Peninsula is the first of four National Lakeshores - Pictured Rocks. Each of these places are icons of wild America and democracy at its best.

Why was this place established as a National Lakeshore? Way back in 1958, a group of people completed a study of the remaining lands along the Great Lakes that held promising potential as publicly accessible places to recreate. They realized that sooner or later, public lands on the Lakes would be a thing of the past, guarded by No Trespassing signs.



In 1966 the Lakeshore was established by an Act signed by President Lyndon Johnson. Six years later, the Lakeshore was dedicated as our nation's first national lakeshore, along with Sleeping Bear Dunes, Apostle Islands, and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshores.

Pictured Rocks is about the cliffs, dunes, and waterfalls, but it is also so much more. It is about nearly 73,000 acres of transitional forest from hardwoods to boreal forest, bear, marten and fisher, rare orchids and grape fern, and the varied ecosystems that support all of these plants and animals. The Lakeshore is about four season enjoyment, either snowshoeing, ice climbing, fishing, hunting, or just walking in the woods on a warm spring afternoon. It's about migrating birds and the call of wood frogs in a wetland; the smell of hemlocks and wild roses.

No matter how long you have to visit us, we know you will enjoy this, YOUR national lakeshore.

H-58 - A Very Scenic Drive

Alger County H-58 between Grand Marais and Munising is now completely paved, creating one of the most beautiful drives in the Great Lakes region. With this recently completed road project, there may be additional traffic with bicycles, tour buses, larger motorhomes, fifth-wheel trailers, and motorcycles.

The road has been engineered as a slow speed, scenic drive through the Lakeshore, accessing such popular sites as Sable Falls, Log Slide, Hurricane River, and Twelvemile Beach.

A new addition to the drive in 2012 was the Lake Superior Overlook between Twelvemile Beach and Hurricane River Campgrounds, so be sure to stop there. Two new viewing platforms and a fully accessible restroom help you enjoy this pristine section of the Lake Superior shoreline.

Help us make your and others vacation one to write home about.

- *Watch for bicycles and pedestrians.*
- *Use the vehicle turnout lanes if you wish to stop and take a photo.*
- *Obey all no passing zones.*
- *Watch for motorcycles.*
- *Report all accidents to a Park Ranger, National Lakeshore employee or visitor center.*
- *Drive at a leisurely speed, keeping in mind that the journey is important, not just the destination.*

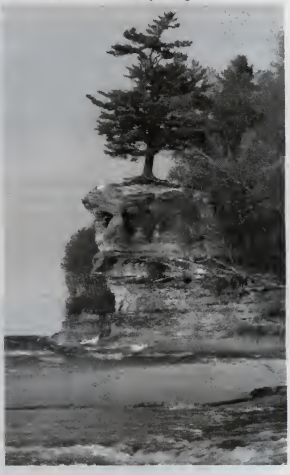
Enjoy the scenic drive at your own pace, but if you notice traffic backing up behind you please pull over to let them by to help avoid unsafe passes.

Join Our Friends Group

The National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation (NPLSF) is a non-profit "friends" organization that provides financial support to the five U.S. National Park areas on Lake Superior. These include Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (Mich.), Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (Wisc.), Isle Royale National Park (Mich.), Keweenaw National Historical Park (Mich.), and Grand Portage National Monument (Minn.).

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Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore



Whether you are a new or returning visitor to the area, one of your first stops should be the Interagency Visitor Center in Munising. This is the main center for the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and Munising District of the Hiawatha National Forest. It is located at the junction of H-58 and M-28.

There you can learn of the many recreational opportunities available in the area. Maps, brochures, backcountry permits, current weather and marine forecasts, waterfall information, hiking and mountain bike routes and canoe trips are all part of the fun mosaic available in our area. A Hiawatha Interpretive Association bookstore is a feature of the visitor center.

During your stop, be sure to pick up a color copy of the Lakeshore Map and Guide as well as the three federal land management agency "Superior Wildlands" newspaper. We are glad you have chosen Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and hope your stay is enjoyable. Here are a few important things to remember as you explore the wonders of the park:

Being Aware for Your Safety

Falling rock, cascading dunes, rip currents and encounters with bears due to improper backcountry storage of food ... as a Lakeshore visitor, these are things you should be thinking about. As you visit the park, be aware of the situations you find yourself in and ask yourself "what if?"

Many cliff areas along the North Country Trail are actually overhangs with free space below. As you are hiking in the park - stay back from the edge.

Rip currents are possible at several beaches along the Lakeshore depending on weather and water conditions. Check the bulletin boards to know what they look like and how to get out of one.

When visiting the park, if you need to talk on your cell phone, pull over at a safe location out of traffic. Talking on your cell phone may cause you to miss seeing wildlife - or worse!

While the Grand Sable Dunes are a unique and beautiful part of the park, they too can hold hazards. Be aware that sand banks can collapse - sending you downslope or perhaps covering you. Take care when traversing dune faces.

People often remark they would love to see a bear during their visit to the park, but at a safe distance. Remember that a fed bear is a dead bear. Please follow food storage guidelines posted on bulletin boards and in backcountry regulations by hanging your food on the food pole provided or securing food in the food locker provided or in a vehicle. If you encounter a bear while on foot in the park, make noise and wave your arms. Do not drop your day pack or other items with food in them. Please report all incidents to a Park Ranger or visitor center.

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Relax In historic Grand Marais

Grand Marais, the eastern gateway to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, is the perfect spot for a vacation getaway. Beautiful beaches and a friendly, small-town atmosphere await you. Four museums and a walking tour showcase the history of Grand Marais, which is one of the most historic towns in the Upper Peninsula. You'll find a wide variety of accommodations, from motels and resorts to bed-and-breakfast and private cabin rentals. Enjoy a meal in one of the four unique restaurants, and top off the day with an ice cream cone and a stroll out to Sunset Boardwalk.

Activities for the Family
Fishing, swimming, rock hunting, kite flying, bird watching, stargazing, and geocaching are just a few of the family-oriented activities you can enjoy in and around Grand Marais. ATV, bike, boat, canoe, and kayak rentals are available in town. Numerous geocaches are hidden in the area – bring your GPS!

Donahey Woods
A 25-acre woodland along the shore of Lake Superior, Donahey Woods is perfect for a short hike down to the beach. Hunt for agates or just enjoy the view! You might even see a freighter passing by. The trail begins at the west end of Woodland Park Campground.

Gifts and Art
You'll find more than a dozen unique gift shops, as well as an art gallery, all featuring the work of local artists. A complete list and a map are available in town.

Gitche Gumee Agate and History Museum
This unique collection of local geology and historical artifacts offers something for everyone. Owner/artist Karen Brzys has one-of-a-kind agate items for sale in the museum. Located on Brazel Street across from the Recreation Center. Open daily in the summer. A small admission fee is charged.

The Lightkeeper's House Museum
This restored residence is operated by the Grand Marais Historical Society. Monday through Saturday in July and August, 1 - 4 p.m. June & September open Saturday only, 1 - 4 p.m. Located at the end of Coast Guard Point. Donations accepted.

North Country Trail
In the mood for a hike? The North Country Trail runs right through Grand Marais. This is the longest hiking trail in the United States and it stretches from New York to North Dakota. Maps are available in town.

The Oid Post Office Museum
This new museum tells the story of Grand Marais, from its earliest days to the present. On display are many photos and artifacts from the past. Located on the main street. Open 1-4pm daily during July and August, and on weekends during June and September. Don't miss the memorial rose garden overlooking the harbor! Donations accepted.

The Pickie Barrel House Museum
This local landmark was the summer home of author/illustrator William Donahey, creator of the famous "Teenie Weenie" characters. The museum, restored to its original condition as a summer home, is located on the main street. Open 1-4 pm daily during July and August, and on weekends during June and September. Unique gifts for sale inside. Be sure to tour the Pickle Barrel Historic Iris Garden. Donations accepted.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
The Grand Sable Visitor Center is just west of town, and you'll find maps, brochures, and the latest information on camping and hiking in the park. Sable Lake, Grand Sable Dunes, the Log Slide, and Sable Falls are all within an easy drive from town.

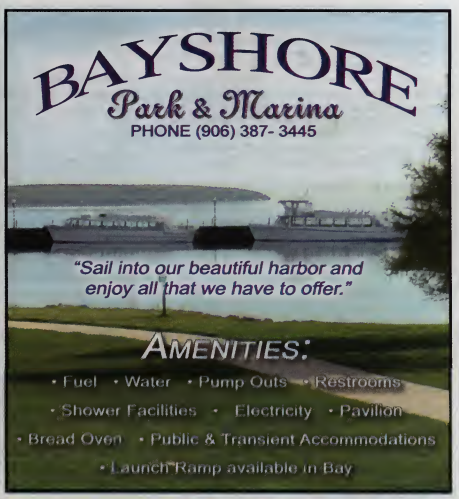
Promenade Through the Past Walking/Biking Tour
Discover the boom years of Grand Marais on this 25-stop self-guided tour. Guidebooks are available at local businesses and at several of the museums listed above. Total tour length is approximately 2.7 miles and is a great distance for walking or biking. Watch for the numbered planters around town designating stops on the tour.

Public Beaches
There are public beaches at Bayshore Park (on the west end of the bay), at Woodland Park Campground, at Sunset Boardwalk, and at several spots along the bay. Enjoy a picnic, swim, or just soak up the sun!

Visit our website at **www.grandmaraismichigan.com** for a complete calendar of events and more information on area attractions and activities. You'll also find a photo gallery to explore, plus information on lodging, dining, shopping, and more.




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